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## 20 U. S. TROOPERS REPORTED SLAIN

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WASHINGTON, June 21.—At 9:30 tonight the war department had no official information regarding the reported clash between American and Carranza troops, near Carrizal, according to General Funston said he had heard the report, but had been unable to secure official confirmation.

EL PASO, Tex., June 21.—A detachment of American cavalry clashed with Carranza forces at Carrizal, about 90 miles south of El Paso early today, both sides suffering heavy casualties, according to unofficial reports received by Mexican military authorities in Juarez tonight.

According to the report which the Mexican authorities are investigating, forty Americans were killed by machine gunfire in a surprise attack. The Mexican casualties were said not to have been too heavy, but General Felix Gomez is being named as among the Mexican dead.

The American command is said to have been part of a scouting patrol from Carrizal, returning to General Pershing's line of communication. Carrizal, named as the place of the encounter, is about nine miles southwest of Villa Ahumada, the Mexican field base in Northern Chihuahua.

Major General Francisco Gonzales, Mexican commander at Juarez, gave out a statement in which he announced officially that the Mexican command had taken seventeen American prisoners. He also said that General Gomez's death had been confirmed but said he had no official reports as to the number of casualties on either

side. The wounded, both American and Mexican, the exact number of which is not known here, were taken to Villa Ahumada.

EL PASO, June 21.—General Francisco Gonzales made the following statement:

"Immediately upon learning of the presence of American troops in the vicinity of Carrizal, General Felix Gomez dispatched a messenger with a request that the American commander withdraw to his camp. When the American troops remained motionless, he sent a second messenger who was fired upon by the American troops after he had delivered his message. The Americans immediately moved forward and attacked General Gomez's command.

"All the prisoners admitted that the blame should be put on the American command for having ordered the attack. The prisoners were sent to Chihuahua with the customary protection."

The news was spread throughout Juarez but the Mexican city remained calm.

EL PASO, June 21.—General Geo. Bell received reports which he was the fight by Mexican Consul Garcia said that no military action would be taken in El Paso while orders were awaited from General Funston. In the meantime, he said, his forces were ready for any demonstration from the other side of the Rio Grande.

General Bell said there was no question but that a fight had taken place, but was inclined to disbelieve the report that any Americans had been taken prisoners.

### BELL HEARS OF FIGHT.

EL PASO, Tex., June 21.—General Bell received reports which he was unable to confirm that the American command engaged was a troop of the Tenth cavalry, a negro regiment. Mex-

ican authorities said that their reports indicated also that the American detachment was made up largely of negroes.

After General Bell had received the first reports from Consul Garcia, J. C. Huppel, an American who had been employed by the Compania Agricola at Boquilla, reported to him that while aboard a train on the Mexican National Railway about noon today he saw approximately twenty dead and wounded lying in the station at Villa Ahumada. Huppel said he was unable to determine whether or not there were any Americans among them.

General Bell transmitted all available reports of the clash to General Funston and orders were issued to commanding officers of all detachments of the American border patrol to be particularly alert. He also assured Consul Garcia that all persons on this side of the river "who behave themselves" will be protected by the American military.

According to General Gonzales, he was informed by General Gomez at Villa Ahumada last night of the presence of the Americans westward between Villa Ahumada and El Valle. He says he immediately instructed General Gomez to proceed to the San to Domingo ranch, where the Americans were reported "in unknown force," and advise their commander to retire to their camp.

This, he says, General Gomez did this morning. The American commander, whose name was not given by General Gomez, is said to have replied that he was instructed to proceed to Villa Ahumada and must do so.

### Machine Gun Deadly.

Which ever side began the engagement, the Mexicans had the advantage for they had been provided with a machine gun, and this is supposed to have done deadly execution in the ranks of the Americans. The latter were not inferior, however, as was proved by the number of Mexican dead and wounded removed to Villa Ahumada and witnessed by Americans coming north on a train bound to Juarez.

### Story of Battle.

The battle began about 10:30 a. m. and lasted not more than an hour. It apparently ended by both sides withdrawing. The failure of General Pershing to report on it, indicates that the American survivors had not yet returned to their base at an early hour tonight.

A story brought to El Paso by J. C. Hubble, an American who has been employed by the Compania Agricola at Boquilla, bears out several of the details of the engagement presented by General Gomez. Hubble's story was corroborated by James Maxey, another American, who also was on his way to El Paso from the interior. Hubble and Maxey said that while their train was stopping at Villa Ahumada they noticed numbers of dead and wounded being brought in and were told by a Carranza captain that a battle had taken place.

The captain informed them, they said, that a number of American prisoners had been imprisoned in a cattle car and were to be taken to Chihuahua City to be hanged. They mentioned Mexican soldiers, who told them that several hundred Americans and 120 Mexicans had been engaged.

"The Mexican officers at Villa Ahumada treated us with the greatest courtesy," said Mr. Hubble. "They answered our questions quietly and with no show of antipathy or excitement."

According to the story they told us the Mexican command was concealed in the underbrush when it discovered the American cavalrymen riding toward them over the sand. General Felix Gomez, the Mexican commander, immediately sent a courier asking for a parley under a flag of truce with the American commander. The parley was arranged and as the Mexican leader and two aides started forward, the Americans deployed in a semi-circular skirmish line.

"General Gomez, apparently believing he was about to be attacked, raised his arm and signalled a machine gun in the rear to open fire on the Americans. The machine gun swept the cavalry ranks, causing heavy losses.

### Kills General.

"Immediately, however, a detachment of American troopers dashed forward under a heavy fire to the center of the field where General Gomez and his staff were sitting on their horses. In the resultant encounter, one of the cavalrymen killed the Mexican leader with his pistol, while the remainder of the Carranza party escaped to their own lines."

17 Dead: 30 Prisoners. The two Americans said their information that the American dead numbered 17 and that the Mexicans had taken 30 prisoners.

Neither Hubble nor Maxey was able to learn whether the Americans had retreated or being pointed out that all of the Mexicans with whom they talked apparently left the field before the engagement had been completed.

### Led Into Ambush.

Hubble and Maxey said that some of the Mexicans openly boasted that the Americans had been drawn into an ambush.

TRAINLOADS OF SUPPLIES RUSHED SOUTH  
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sible trouble. Soldiers and officers at Fort Bliss were still being held close to the post. Field rations and extra ammunition had been issued and peck, and wagon trains loaded.  
Five companies of infantry from the post was ordered tonight to assist the provost guard in patrolling the city, but it was asserted no special significance could be attached to the order which was one of precaution.  
Dispatches to the Mexican consulate here from Mexico City tonight said that the department of foreign

relations had informed the governor of Tabasco that Americans remaining in that state are to be afforded every safeguard, in the event of hostilities, granted other foreigners. These instructions followed a telegram from the governor saying that a number of Americans living in the state desired to remain.

Demonstrations continued in the Mexican capital "with undiminished enthusiasm," according to the message. It was stated that all have been orderly and have consisted largely of music and speeches. The dispatches added that military instructions of Mexican volunteers will be held in various plazas of the city beginning Sunday.

## ALLIES URGE CARRANZA TO BACK DOWN

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peated to diplomatic callers seeking information. These assurances may have paved the way for the representations being made to Carranza, urging him not to force the issue.

### U. S. Sees No Peace

A study of all General Carranza's communications and actions during the last few months have given little ground, officials feel, for a hopeful view. His attitude has been one of growing hostility and officials are not inclined to believe that it could be readily overcome.

While these matters occupied the attention of the state department, President Wilson stood on the sidewalk in front of the White House today, to review the 2000 members of the District of Columbia national guard, as they passed up Pennsylvania Avenue on their way to the mobilization camp at Fort Meyer, Va. Among them were men of all walks of life, including government employees from many departments and youngsters just out of high school. There was little pomp about the parade, but the men trudged along cheerfully, burdened with blanket rolls and equipment.

Mr. Wilson's appearance, accompanied by Secretary Baker, was greeted with cheers from the crowd gathered along the avenue.

A moment later the troops came in sight, marching in column of fours. The President's eyes followed particularly the men in the citizen's clothing, but carrying rifles and ammunition belts, who appeared at intervals among the uniformed guardsmen. They were recruits who rushed to offer themselves since the call for the national guard went out.

### Guards Soon to Start.

At the War Department telegrams came during the day from many states, reporting the progress of the mobilization. Scores of regiments were under canvas tonight. As yet no marching orders for the border have been given but they will go before the week is out.

"It is quite certain," Secretary Baker said, "that some of the regiments will go to the border shortly, but whether that means in a day or two or more I cannot state." Major General Scott, chief of staff, indicated that the first organization to complete muster in the service and which are well placed geographically will be sent forward promptly.

The general plan under which the state allotments of troops to be called out is known as the 12-division plan prepared by the war department in 1912. A later scheme of organization has superseded this for use in a great war, but the 12 plan meets the present situation best.

### About 100,000.

Under it the units called out represent twelve full army divisions when properly grouped. At peace strength, they would total 100,000 men, at full strength approximately 250,000. The organizations President Wilson has summoned are to be expended as near that maximum as possible by recruiting in the states from which they come.

The scheme of reorganization for the regular army under the new army bill also was announced today. It provides for the addition of seven regiments of infantry, two of cavalry, three of field artillery and heavy artillery and two of engineers. The act takes effect July 1 and by the plan announced the new regiments composing the first annual increment of increase will be created on that basis, giving General Funston 12 new regimental units. They will be formed in the following service.

### 12 More Regiments.

The Thirty First Infantry will be composed of the first battalion of the Fifteenth Infantry, expanded to a full regiment and posted in the Philippines. By a process of selecting alternate non-commissioned officers and men from the Eighth and Thirtieth Infantry, new in the island, the regiment will be given a skeleton organization, complete in every detail but which must be filled up with second

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Lieutenants and recruits to be necessary strength.

In the same way the Thirty Second Infantry will be built up out of drafts from the First and Second Regiments in Hawaii; the Thirty Third from the Fifth and Tenth in the Canal Zone; the Thirty Fourth at El Paso from the Seventh, Tenth and Twentieth; the Thirty Fifth at Douglas from the Eleventh, Eighteenth and Twenty Second; the Thirty Sixth at Brownsville from the Fourth, Twenty Sixth and Twenty Eighth; the Thirty Seventh at Fort Sam Houston from the Third, Ninth and Thirteenth. The Sixteenth and Seventeenth Cavalry also will be formed on the border out of men from First, Third, Sixth and Fourteenth regiments. The Ninth Heavy Artillery, equipped with field howitzers, will be organized in Hawaii.

By expanding each of the three engineers battalions into a regiment the additional units of these troops will be produced.

Officers say the reorganization can take place on the border without impairing the efficiency of the force. All the officers necessary for the new regiments will be drawn from the existing organization and promotions along the line will follow. The effect will be to leave the army virtually without second lieutenants and it is believed here that the additional officers provided for under the bill will be fed into the service.

There will be many promotions among the enlisted men. New non-commissioned officers will have to be selected in both the old and new regiments as it is planned to distribute the seasoned equally.

### JAPANESE FLEET NOT IN MEXICAN WATERS

SAN DIEGO, June 21.—Persistent reports that a Japanese squadron had been sighted recently in Mexican waters, were denied today by federal officials in touch with the situation along the west Mexican coast.

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